	MOTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2255 TO VACATE, SET ASIDE, OR CORRECT SENTENCE BY A PERSON IN A FEDERAL CUSTODY
Unit	tod States Dictrict Court District
Name	e (under which you were convicted): JAREN BRUSON Docket or Case No.: 1:01CR263-1
Place	of Confinement: FCI MCDOWELL Prisoner No.: 22160-057
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	IN THIS OFFICE Clerk U.S. District Court Greenspool, NC JARED BRUTON By MOTION
1. UNIT	(a) Name and location of court which entered the Judgment of conviction you are challenging: TED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
	(b) Criminal docket or case number (if you know): 1:01CR263-1
2.	(a) Date of the judgment of conviction (if you know): MARCH 18,2005 (b) Date of sentencing: MARCH 18,2005
3.	Length of sentence: 360 months
	Nature of crime (all counts): CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE BOTH CRACK COCAI- AND COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE-COUNT ONE; COUNT FOUR- POSSESSION OF REARM IN FURTHERANCE OF COUNT ONE
5.	(a) What was your plea? (Check One) (1) Not Guilty (2) Guilty (3) Nolo contendere (not contest)
	(b) If you entered a guilty plea to one court or indictment, and a not guilty plea to another count or what did you plead guilty to and what did you plead not guilty to?
	N/A
6.	If you went to trial, what kind of trial did you have? (Check one) Jury Judge Only
7.	Did you testify at a pretrial hearing, trial, or post-trial hearing? Yes xx No
8.	Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction? Yes XX No
9.	If you did appeal, answer the following: (a) Name of court: FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS (b) Docket or case number (if you know): 172 Fed. Appx. 511 (2006) (c) Result: AFFIRMED (d) Date of result (if you know): N/A (e) Citation to the case (if you know): UNITED STATES V. BRUTON, 172 Fed. Appx. 511 (f) Grounds Raised: N/A

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	(d)	If you did not appeal from the action on any motion, petition, or application, explain did not:	briefly why	уо
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	Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion order, if available):			
	(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?	Yes		No
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(b)	Direct Appeal of Ground Two:			
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(c)	Post-Conviction Proceedings:			
	(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?	Yes		No L
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	Docket or case number (if you know):			
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	Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available):		
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(c)	Post-Conviction Proceedings: (1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?	Yes	No
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	Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available):		

	(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application? Yes No
	(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application? Yes No
	(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise the issue in the appeal? Yes No
	(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:
	Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed:
	Docket or case number (if you know):
	Date of court's decision:
	Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available):
	(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise issue:
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(a)	Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):
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(b)	Direct Appeal of Ground Four:
	(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue? Yes No
	(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why:
(c)	Post-Conviction Proceedings:
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	(2) If you answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:
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	(f) In any post-conviction proceeding: N/A
	(g) On appeal from any ruling against you in a post-conviction proceeding: N/A
16.	Were you sentenced on more than one court of an indictment, or on more than one indictment, in the same court and at the same time?
17.	Po you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence for the judgment that you are challenging? Yes Yes Yes
	(a) If so, give name and location of court that imposed the other sentence you will serve in the future:
	(b) Give the date the other sentence was imposed: (c) Give the length of the other sentence: (d) Have you filed, or do you plan to file, any motion, petition, or application that challenges the judgment or sentence to be served in the future? Yes No
	TIMELINESS OF MOTION: If your judgment of conviction became final over one year ago, you must explain why the one-year statute of limitations as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2255 does not bar your motion.* ETITIONER POSITIONS THAT THIS MOTION IS TIMELY FILED WITHIN A -YEARS PERIOD OF THE JUNE 20,2013 ruling in Descamps v. TED STATES AND IS TIMELY FILED.

^{*}The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 ("AEDPA") as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2255, paragraph 6, provides in part that:

A one-year period of limitation shall apply to a motion under this section. The limitation period shall run from the latest of -

- (1) the date of which the judgment of conviction became final;
- (2) the date on which the impediment to making a motion created by governmental action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the movant was prevented from making such a motion by such governmental action;
- (3) the date on which the right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if that right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or
- (4) the date on which the facts supporting the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

Therefore, movant asks that the Court grant the following relief: VACATE SENTENCE FOR CORRECTION IN LIGHT OF DESCAMPS; APPOINT GOUNSEL TO REPRESENT CLAIMS
or any other relief to which movant may be entitled.
Signature of Attorney (if any)
I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 was placed in the prison mailing system on 6-19-2014 (month, date, year)
Executed (signed) on $6-18-2014$ (date)
Gued Switten Signature of Movant
If the person signing is not movant, state relationship to movant and explain why movant is not signing this motion.
N/A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

JARED BRUTON,
Petitioner,

CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 1:01CR263-1

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:12CV261

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Respondent.

PRO SE MEMORANDUM OF LAW AND ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF A MOTION TO VACATE, SET-ASIDE OR CORRECT CONVICTION OR SENTENCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 28 U.S.C. §2255

comes now, Petitioner Bruton, appearing in pro se capacity and seeking the less stringent review as noted in <u>Haines v. Kerner</u>, 404 U.S. 519(1973) and moves this Honorable Court to Vacate, Set-Aside, or Correct Conviction or Sentence Pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. §2255 for all of the reasons stated herein.

PRIOR PROCEEDINGS

On May 25,2004, Jared Bruton was charged in a multi-count superceding Indictment by the Grand Jury. Superceding Indictment charging that Count One charged a conspiracy to distribute both crack cocaine and cocaine hydrochloride, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §841(b)(1)(A). Count Four charged possession of a firearm in furtherance of Count One, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §924(c) (1)(C)(i). Id.

The Government filed a §851 Information of a prior drug conviction. §851(a)(1). On July 26,2004, Bruton proceeded to trial before the Honorable William L. Olsteen, Sr. United States District Court Judge. On March 18,2005, the matter came for sentencing before Judge Olsteen. Judge Olsteen sentenced Bruton to 360

months of imprisonment on Count One, and 60 months consecutive on Count Four. Bruton appealed, and on March 8,2006, the Court of Appeals affirmed. United States v. Bruton,172 Fed. Appx. 511 (2006).

WITHIN THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS JARED BRUTON WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT HE IS ENTITLED TO TITLE 28 U.S.C. §2255 HABEAS RELIEF.

1.) - GROUND ONE: PETITIONER IS NO LONGER GUILTY OF THE CAREER CAREER OFFENDER GUIDELINE ENHANCEMENT IN LIGHT OF DESCAMPS V. UNITED STATES

Petitioner avers herein that he is no longer guilty of the career offender Guideline Sentence in light of Descamps v. United States, 570 US___,133 S.Ct.___,186 L Ed 2d 438,2013 US LEXIS 4698 (2013). Petitioner positions that a August 27,1991, Stanly County Conviction for misdemenor assault inflicting serious injury, a violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. §14-33(B)(1), is no longer applicable for the career offender guideline enhancement. Petitioner argues that assault inflicting serious injury has been codified, but the elements of the crime have not. See State v. Roberts, 270 N.C. 655,658,155 S.E.2d 303(1967)("There is no statutory definition of assault in North Carolina, and the crime of assault is governed by common law rules.[N.C.]G.S. §14-33 does not create a new offense as to assaults on a female, but only provides for different punishments for various types of assault."). The statute sets forth four methods of committing the offense: Inflicts, or attempts to inflict, serious injury upon another person or uses a deadly weapon. This court should examine each

in turn. Petitioner's position here is that in the eastern district of North Carolina, at least one court has dismissed an indictment based upon the reasons as averred by Petitioner in this pro se habeas motion. In United States v. Rodney Marshall Vinson, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 180680, No.5:13-CR-121-FL(2013), a motion to dismiss an indictment was filed in the district court for the eastern district of North Carolina. where the defendant was indicted for a violation under 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(9) and 924, which proscribed possession in or affecting commerce, any firearm or ammunition, by a person convicted in any court of a "misdemenor crime of domestic violence." The indictment states as a predicate offense that defendant was convicted in state court in 2004 of assault on a female, in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. §14-33(c)(2)("state conviction").

Petitioner's position here is that the motion to dismiss the indictment was granted in lihght of the High Court's recent rule in <u>Descamps</u>. The motion to dismiss the indictment was filed in the court for "failure to state an offense". The defendant in <u>Vinson</u> argued that his state conviction cannot serve as predicate misdemenor crime of domestic violence for purposes of 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(9), citing <u>Descamps</u>,133 S.Ct. 2276,186 L.Ed. 2d 438, as support. Arraignment was continued pending resolution of that motion. The argued position here is that the states statute 14-33, when viewed under the categorical approach, is not the crime of violence as defined under §4B1.2(a). Where the government may position that the modified categorical approach

cal approach is inapplicable in this case where the Fourth Circuit recently has confirmed that "alternative means" of committiong a crime do not constitute alternative elements to justify application of the modified categorical approach. Hemingway, 734 F.3d at 334; Descamps, 133 S.Ct. at 2285 n.2. Absent alternative elements for commission of the offense, the modified categorical approach is inapplicable. Petitioner contends that the North Carolina statute is not divisible, because, as the statute reads: "Inflicts,"or "attempts to inflict", "serious injury" upon another person or "uses a deadly weapon" are alternative "means" of committing the crime of assault inflicting serious injury. United States v. Royal, 731 F.3d at 340-42, is instructive by comparison. There the Fourth Circuit examined a Maryland assault statute to determine if it was divisible. Id. The Court observed that the relevant statute was "facially indivisible", where it "provide[d] simply that a person may not commit an assault[,]" and '''[a]ssault' encompasses the crimes of assault, battery, and assault and battery..."Id. at 340 n.1(citation and internal quotation marks omitted). In addition, the Court observed that "[t]o convict a defendant of an assault of the battery variety under Maryland law, the state must prove that (1)the defendant caused offensive physical contact with, or harm to, the victim...Id. at 341. Accordingly, the Court determined that "offensive physical contact" and "physical harm" are not alternative elements of the offense where a jury only has to agree "that one of the two

should apply, Petitioner positions that the modified categori-

occurred, without setting on which." Id."Rather than alternat" ive elements, then, 'offensive physical contact' and 'physical harm' are merely alternative means of satisfying a single element of the Maryland offense." Id. As a result, the modified categorical approach had "no role to play." Id. (quoting Descamps, 133 S.Ct. at 2285.). Petitioner positions that the "or uses a deadly weapon" fits a totally different N.C. Gen. Stat. for a felony assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. N.C. Gen. Stat. §14-32(b). With that statute, the state must show: (1) an assault; (2) with a deadly weapon; (3) inflicting serious injury; (4) not resulting in death. See State v. Aythche, 98 NC App. 358,366,391 S.E. 2d 43,47(1990). Petitioner's position that the use of a deadly weapon element is an alternative means to the simple assault statute as provided under $\S14-33(b)(1)$; Therefore, Petitioner's case fits the Fourth Circuit's rulings in Royal and Hemingway when read in light of Descamps and Petitioner positions in furtherance, that even under a general divisible statute, as argued here, would be a misapplication of the modified categorical approach in this case where neither of the hypothetical alternative elements -that is, assault and assault with a deadly weapon -is categorically a predicate offense. See: United States v. Cabrera-Umanzor, 728 F.3d 347, 352(4th Cir. 2013)("General divisibility, however, is not enough; a statute is divisible for purposes of applying the modified categorical approach only if at least one of the categories into which the statute may be divided constitutes, by its elements, a[predicate

offense]."). See also Descamps, 133 S.Ct. at 2285. Because the crime of simple assault is comprised of indivisible elements and neither of the hypothetical alternative elements at issue constitutes a predicate offense for the career offender guideline enhancement. The charging documents in this case does not describe an assault with a deadly weapon. Simple assault under N.C. Gen. Stat. §14-33(b)(1), a misdemenor, under Fourth Circuit prior precedents and determination is inapplicable to the instant context because "crime of violence" is defined more broadly than "misdemenor crime of assault with inflicting serious injury". In particular, a prior conviction that has as an element the threatened use of physical force against another person does not constitute a misdemenor crime of assault under the sentencing guidelines as defined by 4B1.2(a).

Petitioner positions that <u>Descamps</u> is relevant here as being applied to Petitioner's case, because §4B1.2(a) required the sentencing judge to determine whether the simple assault conviction was a crime of violence. Just as the sentencing judge in <u>Descamps</u> was required to determine if the defendant in <u>Descamps</u> have the predicate offense for the application of the Armed Career Criminal Act Statutory enhancement. (ACCA)(18 U.S.C. §924(e))(§4B1.4).

For all of the reasons stated above Jared Bruton should be granted §2255 habeas relief.

I. RETROACTIVITY

Petitioner positions that <u>Descamps</u> is retroactive to his case where the ruling in the High Court's recent case was decided in light of <u>Johnson v. United States</u>,559 U.S. 133,130 S.Ct. 1265, 176 L.Ed. 2d 1(2010), an old rule of Supreme Court ruling. Therefore, the <u>Teague</u> analysis does not apply in this case and <u>Descamps</u> is pertinent to Petitioner's case. The rule in <u>Descamps</u> is retroactively applicable to Petitioner's case on collateral review.

II. TIMELINESS

Petitioner positions that his motion is timely in light of

Descamps where Descamps was decided on June 20,2013. Petitioner

files this motion within the one-year of the High Court ruling

and the claims are on all fours with the ruling in Descamps

and, as Petitioner suggests, he may be "no longer guilty"

of the career offender Guideline Enhancement. See Mcquiggin v.

Perkins, U.S., 133 S.Ct. 1924,1927,185 L.Ed. 2d 1019(2013).

even assuming, however, that the limitations period commensed when Petitioner's conviction became final, equitable tolling might apply. the motion could not be dismiseed as untimely without first giving Petitioner an opportunity to respond, <u>Herbst v. Cook</u>, 260 F.3d 1039,1043-44(9th Cir. 2001), and the surest way to decide whether Petitioner's motion is timely is to appoint counsel and set a hearing. Alternatively, it should be assumed

that, without deciding, that petitioner's motion is timely filed.

III. SECOND OR SUCCESSIVE MOTION

adresses a second or successive motion under §2255 in case the court or the government positions that Petitioner has previously filed a motion under §2255(which is the case here) but Petitioner does contest the fact that this motion is not to be considered a successive filed motion under §2255. Petitioner positions that this motion is not a successive motion where the claim that is presented herein was unripe for any previous submission to this court for a ruling. Panetti v. Quaterman, 551 U.S. 930, 944,127 S.Ct. 2842,168 L.Ed. 2d 662(2007). Instead, only claims that could have been raised in an earlier habeas corpus petition are barred. Accordingly, "where the subsequent section 2255 motion asserts a claim that was not ripe at the time of the prior section 2255 motion, the subsequent section 2255 is not Second or Successive under the AEDPA. Scott v. United States, 761 F. Supp. 2d 320,325(E.D.N.C. 2011); SeePanetti, 551 U.S. at 947("We are hesitant to construe [the] statute... in amanner that would require unripe claims to be raised as a mere formality, to the benefit of no party").

Here, Petitioner's current §2255 motion is not 'second or successive' because the claim on which it is based could not have been brought at the time Petitioner filed his perevious motions.

For the reasons stated above Jared Bruton should be granted

§2255 habeas relief.

IV. IN CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Jared Bruton should be granted habeas relief for all of the reasons stated above in this motion.Bruton requests that this Honorable Court will Vacate, set-aside or Correct his Sentence Under §2255 to a term that is inconsitent of the career offender guideline enhancent in light of Descamps.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the same MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT was placed in the U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid and served upon: Sandra Hairston, ESQ., AUSA, Post Office Box 1858, Greensboro, NC 27402.

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